

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on April 20, 2017 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Amanda Curtis, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Rep. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Karen Armstrong, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 27, 4/13/2017
Executive Action: HR 4, HJ 34, HJ 39, HJ 40, SJ 27

HEARING ON SJ 27

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:33 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SJ 27, Study Montana's workers' compensation insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:59 Jon Metropoulos, Victory Insurance
00:04:15 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MTF)
00:04:35 Don Judge, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)
00:06:06 Rep. Schreiner joined the meeting.
00:06:24 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:07:04 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:44 Rep. Olsen
00:11:02 Sen. Vance

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:28 Sen. Vance

00:11:47 Chair Noland
00:11:59 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
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00:15:12 Recessed
00:41:16 Reconvened with Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 4

00:42:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HR 4 DO PASS**. Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:44:15 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HR 4 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 12-7 by voice vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Schreiner, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 34

00:45:13 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 34 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

00:45:31 Rep. Grubbs

00:48:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Curtis, Rep. Funk, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Trebas and Rep. Vinton voting aye. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:49:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 34 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 39

00:50:02 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 39 DO PASS**.

00:50:27 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 39 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(buh81a01\)](#)

Discussion:

00:51:08 Rep. Olsen

00:51:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:51:44 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 39 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

00:52:08 Rep. Olsen

00:53:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Noland, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 40

00:55:04 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 40 DO PASS**.

00:55:14 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 40 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(buh81a02\)](#)

Discussion:

00:55:46 Rep. Grubbs

00:56:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

00:57:17 **Motion:** Rep. Curdy moved that **HJ 40 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(buh81a03\)](#)

Discussion:

00:58:10 Rep. Curdy
01:00:20 Rep. Schreiner
01:01:12 Rep. Olsen
01:01:36 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
01:02:11 Rep. Vinton

01:03:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Gunderson voting no. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

01:04:01 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HJ 40 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:04:23 Rep. Olsen

01:05:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Grubbs, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Loge, Rep. Noland, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Rosendale, Rep. Trebas and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJR 27

01:07:07 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **SJ 27 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:07:37 Rep. Schreiner

01:08:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Windy Boy and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy. Rep. Ricci will carry the bill.

01:09:02 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:09:22

Karen Armstrong, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh81aad.pdf](#))